

## **State Of Iowa Legislative ICN Savings Report for SFY 2008**

### **Iowa National Guard – Department of Public Defense**

The Iowa National Guard is comprised of nearly 9,400 soldiers (approximately 7400 Army and 2000 Air National Guard soldiers) based at 48 armories, 3 air bases, and 3 aviation support facilities throughout the state. Nearly 1,800 of those soldiers are full-time employees; the remainders are traditional weekend drilling soldiers. The Army Guard soldiers are aligned into 3 major commands encompassing 13 battalions. Battalions encompass units which reside in armories in various cities within the battalion boundaries. The Air Guard soldiers are based at air bases in 3 cities around the State. The advent of affordable and extremely useful technology, such as the ICN, has allowed a widely dispersed organization such as the Iowa National Guard to better conduct our daily business and meets our training and readiness goals.

Under supervision of the Iowa National Guard's Deputy Chief of Staff of Information Management, the State ICN Manager oversees the management of 3 regional ICN coordinators, 1 ICN technician and 55 ICN classrooms located across the state. The Guard ICN coordinators are State employees responsible for the management, scheduling, maintenance, training, access and front line technical support for all the Guard's ICN classrooms. National Guard ICN classrooms are available to all authorized ICN users, which is mandated by the State Legislature.

Overall, 7954.20 hours of use were conducted at Iowa National Guard ICN classrooms in SFY08. We billed ourselves and authorized users of the ICN \$84,074.50 of room rentals in SFY08. \$24,657.49 of billable use was generated from outside use. This report primarily

concerns the other \$59417.01 of billable hours which was specifically Iowa National Guard use. Our volume of ICN use differs from other authorized ICN users in that a significant amount of travel and work are conducted after normal business hours and weekends. For instance, unit personnel may need to travel locally or over 200 miles to an armory on a weeknight for a unit-training meeting. Depending on military budgets, the soldiers may or may not get paid for their time. None of the soldiers are paid for the mileage they put on their own vehicles.

Overall ICN usage of National Guard classrooms decreased approximately 2.333% from calendar year 2007. Civilian usage fell and military use increased. Overall usage has decreased since 2001 due to several factors:

- 1) An increasing number of ICN classrooms available to users on the network
- 2) Many sites can operate without charging for use of their classrooms
- 3) The terrorism threat and homeland security levels caused by the events of September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001 caused an increase in security measures at National Guard sites. These measures proved to be a hindrance for many users and deterred them from using our facilities.
- 4) The Iowa National Guard has one of the highest deployment numbers of its soldiers in the country. This means that while soldiers are deployed we are sometimes unable to support ICN operations at those affected sites while the soldiers are deployed.

The Iowa National Guard will continue to use the ICN for its day-to-day business, training and readiness needs. Innovative ways to use the ICN are constantly being sought and planned for on the network by the Iowa National Guard.

	Guard ICN sessions	Total Sessions
Central Region	220	1515
SE Region	111	751
NE Region	193	1351
<b>Total</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>3617</b>

<i>Total number of Iowa National Guard ICN session hours</i>	<i>5283.82 hours</i>
<i>Total number of miles of travel saved</i>	<i>188,795 miles</i>
<i>Total amount billed to ICN users for room rental</i>	<i>\$84,074.50</i>
<i>National Guard ICN Savings</i>	<i>\$1,103,105.49</i>

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*Data sources for this report are based on Iowa National Guard ICN classroom usage reports, VOSS/ICN billing reports, and the ICN Savings database figures. Final calculations are estimated based on these sources. Sources are available for review upon request. Total session hours include non-billable sessions which were conducted.*

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